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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, FEBRUARY 8, 2001

APPLICATION OF

IDS TELCOM LLC

CASE NO. PUC000244

For certificates of public convenience and necessity to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services

FINAL ORDER

On September 11, 2000, IDS Telcom LLC ("IDS" or "Applicant") filed an application for certificates of public convenience and necessity ("certificates") with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. IDS also requested authority to price its interexchange telecommunications services on a competitive basis pursuant to § 56-481.1 of the Code of Virginia.

By Order dated October 18, 2000, the Commission directed the Applicant to provide notice to the public of its application, directed the Commission Staff to conduct an investigation and file a Staff Report, and scheduled a public hearing to receive evidence relevant to IDS's application.

IDS filed its proof of publication and proof of service on December 28, 2000.

On January 19, 2001, the Staff filed its Report finding that IDS's application was in compliance with the Rules Governing the Offering of Competitive Local Exchange Telephone Service ("Local Rules") and the Rules Governing the Certification of Interexchange Carriers ("IXC Rules").

Based upon its review of IDS's application, the Staff determined it would be appropriate to grant the Applicant certificates to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services subject to the following conditions:

(1) any customer deposits collected by IDS shall be retained in an unaffiliated third-party escrow account until such time as the Staff or Commission determines it is no longer necessary; and (2) IDS shall provide audited financial statements to the Division of Economics and Finance no later than one year from the effective date of its initial tariff.

A hearing was conducted on January 31, 2001. At the hearing, the application and accompanying attachments, proof of publication and service, and the Staff Report were entered into the record without objection. No public witnesses appeared at the hearing.

NOW THE COMMISSION, having considered the application and the Staff Report, finds that IDS should be granted certificates to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services subject to certain conditions. Having considered

§ 56-481.1, the Commission further finds that IDS may price its interexchange telecommunications services competitively.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- (1) IDS Telcom LLC is hereby granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity, No. TT-132A, to provide interexchange telecommunications services subject to the restrictions set forth in the Commission's Rules Governing the Certification of Interexchange Carriers, § 56-265.4:4 of the Code of Virginia, and the provisions of this Order.
- (2) IDS Telcom LLC is hereby granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity, No. T-536, to provide local exchange telecommunications services subject to the restrictions set forth in the Rules Governing the Offering of Competitive Local Exchange Telephone Service, § 56-265.4:4 of the Code of Virginia, and the provisions of this Order.
- (3) Should IDS collect customer deposits, it shall establish and maintain an escrow account, held by an unaffiliated third party, for such funds and shall notify the Division of Economics and Finance of the escrow arrangements.

 Any escrow arrangement established pursuant to this Order shall be maintained for such time as the Staff or Commission determines is necessary.

- (4) IDS shall provide tariffs to the Division of Communications which conform with all applicable Commission rules and regulations.
- (5) IDS shall provide its audited financial statements to the Division of Economics and Finance no later than one (1) year from the effective date of its initial tariff.
- (6) Pursuant to § 56-481.1 of the Code of Virginia, IDS may price its interexchange telecommunications services competitively.
- (7) There being nothing further to come before the Commission, this case shall be dismissed and the papers filed herein placed in the file for ended causes.